



SKATES FIRE INFORMATION - June 15, 2006

MEDIA ADVISORY-EVACUATION

- The Skates Fire was influenced by mid afternoon high winds and made a run east that had the potential to threaten homes in the Lake Roberts area
- An evacuation was ordered for the Lake Roberts area at 5:00 p.m.
- The evacuation is proceeding in an orderly manner
- People being impacted by the evacuation are asked to check in at San Lorenzo School in the Lower Mimbres Valley at the intersection of NM 35 and NM 152
- The American Red Cross at San Lorenzo School has set up phone lines for those wishing to know the whereabouts of family or friends
- Red Cross numbers are: 505-536-3385 505-536-3386 505-536-3387 and 505-536-3388
- Residents and others who are in the vicinity of the evacuation area are being escorted by forest personnel out of the evacuation area
- Committed resources include 354 personnel and approximately 25 fire engines from numerous Volunteer Fire Departments in the area. These engines are strategically placed in the community of Lake Roberts. Structural protection plans developed earlier in the week are being implemented. Structural assessments have been ongoing over the past few days
- Law enforcement including NM State Police and the Grant County Sheriff Office are supporting the evacuation efforts
- No structures have been lost
- For more fire information, please call: 505-388-8268 or 505-388-8203
- Information will continue to be provided as available

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